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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) System for receiving broadcast digital data comprising:  
a master digital terminal and at least one slave digital terminal adapted to generally simultaneously receive protected digital data from a transmitter; and, the at least one slave digital terminal being connected to the master terminal by a link and able to receive protected digital data,  
wherein said at least one slave digital terminal ~~can access said protected digital data~~  
only blocks if information, ~~for respectively permitting the at least one slave digital terminal to selectively self-enable or self-disable its respective access to the protected digital data~~  
receivable by the master digital terminal, is sent by way of said link to the slave digital terminal necessary for accessing said protected digital data and received by the master digital terminal is not received by way of said link by the slave digital terminal within a predetermined deadline.

2. (previously presented) System according to Claim 1, wherein the information necessary for accessing the protected data which is received by the master digital terminal originates from a data broadcasting system.

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3. (original) System according to Claim 2, wherein said information for accessing the data received by the master digital terminal is transformed before being sent to the slave digital terminal.

4. (previously presented) System according to Claim 3, in which the transformation comprises a descrambling of said information in the master digital terminal, the descrambling being performed with the aid of keys received beforehand by the master digital terminal of the broadcasting system.

5. (previously presented) System according to Claim 1, wherein the information necessary for accessing the protected data, which is received by the master digital terminal originates from the slave digital terminal, is transformed before being resent to the slave digital terminal.

6. (previously presented) System according to Claim 5, in which the transformation comprises a descrambling of said information in the master digital terminal, the descrambling being performed with the aid of keys received beforehand by the master digital terminal of the broadcasting system.

7. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the protected digital data comprise television services scrambled by keys and in which the information necessary for accessing said data belongs to the set comprising:

- a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal;

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- a message containing parameters for extracting from the data stream received by the slave digital terminal a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal;

- a message containing partial information enabling the slave digital terminal to reconstruct its access entitlement to the services;

- a message containing keys for descrambling said protected digital data.

8. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the predetermined deadline is counted down from the dispatching by the slave digital terminal of a message to the master digital terminal.

9. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the predetermined deadline is counted down from the dispatching by the broadcasting system of the data of a message to the master digital terminal.

10. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the information necessary for accessing the protected data is sent from the master digital terminal to the slave digital terminal while being protected by enciphering using a key shared by the two terminals.

11. (previously presented) System according to Claim 1,  
in which the master digital terminal and slave digital terminal furthermore receive from the data broadcasting system a secret code and  
in which the master digital terminal sends said information necessary for accessing the data to the slave terminal only if it receives said secret code from the slave terminal

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within a second predetermined deadline counting from the receipt of the secret code by the master terminal.

12. (original) System according to Claim 11, in which the secret code received by the master digital terminal and by the slave digital terminal is scrambled with the aid of keys sent beforehand to said terminals by the data broadcasting system.

13. (currently amended) A digital terminal intended to receive protected digital data from a transmitter generally simultaneously with a second digital terminal, wherein the digital terminal ~~can access the protected digital data only~~ blocks if information, ~~for permitting the digital terminal to selectively self-enable or self-disable its access to the protected digital data receivable by another digital terminal to which it can be connected via a link, is sent to the digital terminal by the other terminal~~ necessary for accessing said data and received by the second digital terminal to which it can be connected, is not received from the second terminal within a predetermined deadline ~~using the link~~.

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) System according to claim 1, wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected data comprises a secret key.

16. (currently amended) Digital terminal according to claim 13, wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected data comprises a secret key.

17. (previously presented) System according to claim 1, wherein the protected digital data is received via another link.

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18. (previously presented) Digital terminal according to claim 13, wherein the protected digital data is received via another link.

19. (new) System for receiving broadcast digital data, comprising:  
a master digital terminal and at least one slave digital terminal adapted to generally simultaneously receive protected data from a transmitter, the at least one slave digital terminal being connected to the master terminal by a link,  
wherein said slave digital terminal can access said received protected digital data only if information necessary for accessing said protected digital data and received by the master digital terminal is sent by way of said link to the slave digital terminal within a predetermined deadline,  
wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected digital data comprises filter parameters for extracting from the data stream received by the slave digital terminal a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal.

20. (new) System according to claim 1, wherein the slave decoder is adapted to erase stored information necessary for accessing said protected digital data upon reception of instructions to do so.

21. (new) System according to claim 1, wherein the slave decoder is adapted to block by longer accepting the information necessary for accessing said protected digital data from the master decoder.

22. (new) A digital terminal intended to receive protected digital data from a transmitter generally simultaneously with a second digital terminal, wherein the digital terminal can access said received protected digital data only if information necessary for accessing said data and received by the second digital terminal to which it can be connected, is not received from this other terminal within a predetermined deadline,

wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected digital data comprises filter parameters for extracting from the data stream received by the slave digital terminal a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal.